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MEMORANDUM

To: Maryland Department of Planning, Comprehensive Planning Unit
Maryland Department of Natural Resources/Program Open Space

From:  Tom Roland, Chief of Parks & Grounds
Charles County Department of Public Works

Subject: Annual Program Report
Charles County

Date: May 21, 2015

Enclosed please find Charles County's Annual Program Report for FY16. After your review, please contact me directly if you should have any questions (301-932-3472).

Thank you.

Enclosure: As stated
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FY16
ANNUAL REPORT - CHARLES COUNTY

Introduction

Each year, Charles County Government develops/updates a five-year open space/park acquisition and development plan. This plan is designed to address solutions to citizen demand for outdoor recreational facilities. This five-year plan is basically a park priority list formulated as a result of direct citizen input, public hearings, and meetings with organized recreation associations.

Charles County's open space priorities include: providing active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities for our residents; preserving natural heritage areas; protecting sensitive and unique environmental features of the County.

The projects selected in this annual report are consistent with the County's current Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan (LPPRP). The LPPRP clearly states that the demand for active recreation facilities continues to grow and that there is an immediate need to plan and develop such facilities. Athletic playing fields and hiking/biking trails have not kept pace with the County's rapid population growth. Additionally, the LPPRP calls for more open space acquisition and recreational facilities throughout the County. Recreational demands continue to grow in our area, specifically in the greater Waldorf and Bryans Road communities.

Charles County's priority open space plan is compiled by the Department of Public Works, Parks and Grounds Division. Once citizen input is compiled and priorities determined, the plan is presented to the County Board of Commissioners for final determination. Commissioners base their decision-making upon: staff recommendation, direct constituent influence and fiscal impact of the proposed projects.

Attached is Charles County's Annual Program Report for FY16:

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| Acquisition: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Faulkner Park Access Point•Popes Creek Acquisition Phase II |
| Development: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Popes Creek Rail Trail Phase I•Pinefield Park Improvements |

Charles County FY16 Annual Report

ACQUISITION

**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION
FISCAL YEAR 16**

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project Name, Project Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>			<u>Source of Funds for Annual Program Only</u>			
		<u>Existing</u>	<u>Ultimate</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>State (POS Local Funds)</u>	<u>Federal</u>
Charles County	Faulkner Park Access Point	220	894.38	6.38	\$40,900	-0-	\$40,900	-0-
Charles County	Popes Creek	220	894.38	668.00	\$5,500,000*	-0-	\$500,000	\$3,000,000

*Other Funding TBD: \$2,000,000

ACQUISITION – FY 16

**Charles County Government
Department of Public Works**

Project: Faulkner Park Access Point

Charles County has approved funding to acquire a three-mile abandoned railroad corridor for the purpose of developing a hiker/biker trail. While this property will afford our residents with a wonderful recreation facility, it does not have sufficient land for adequate parking and public access. The proposed Faulkner property is adjacent to the proposed trail and represents a very valuable area for trailhead development. This 6.38 acre parcel would allow for public parking, event staging and an area for interpretive displays. At present, this is the only trailhead option available to the County.

Acquisition of the Faulkner Park Access Point would be contingent upon a successful purchase of the Popes Creek trail property.

Total Acreage: 6.38

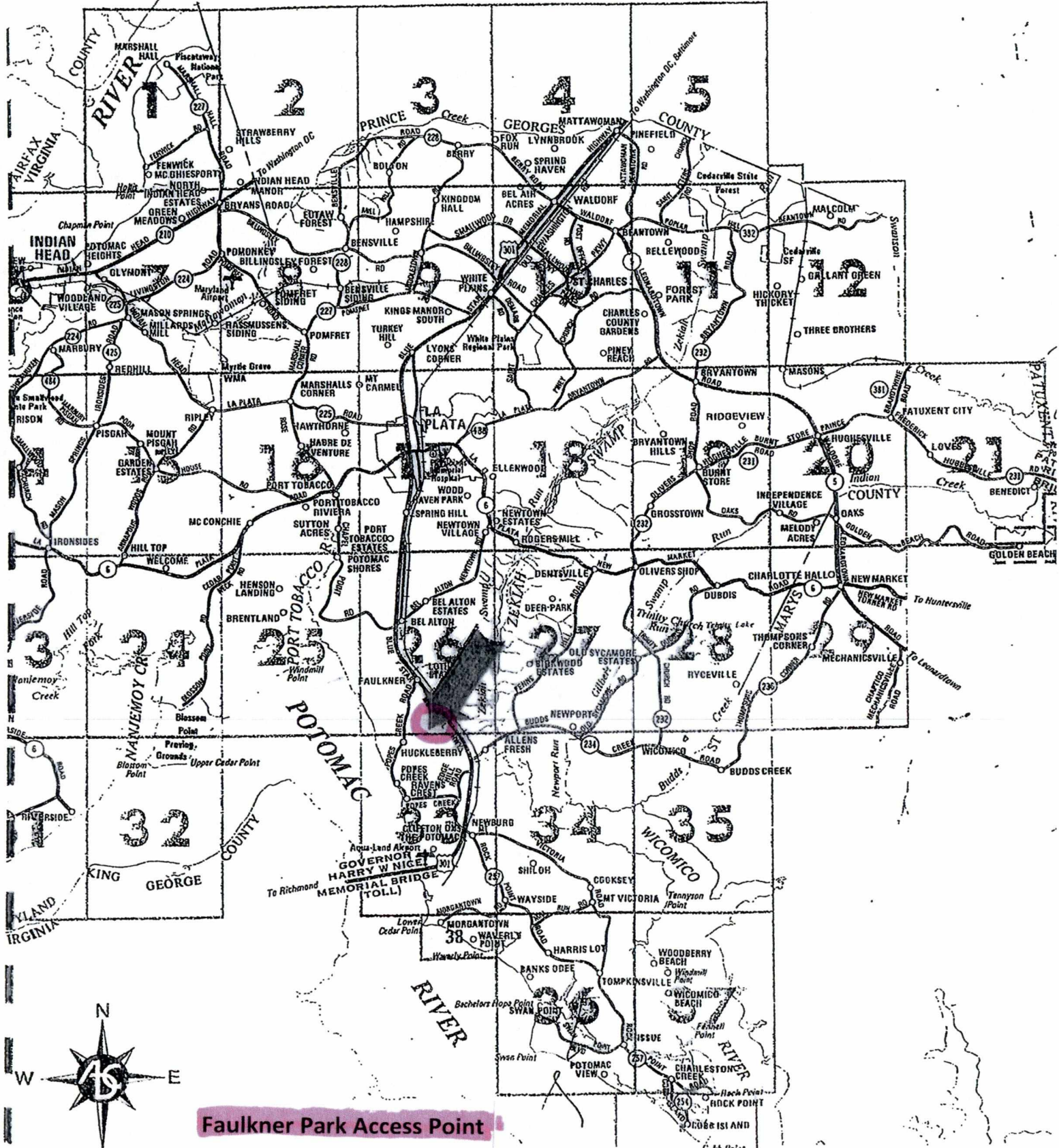
Total Project Cost: \$40,900.00

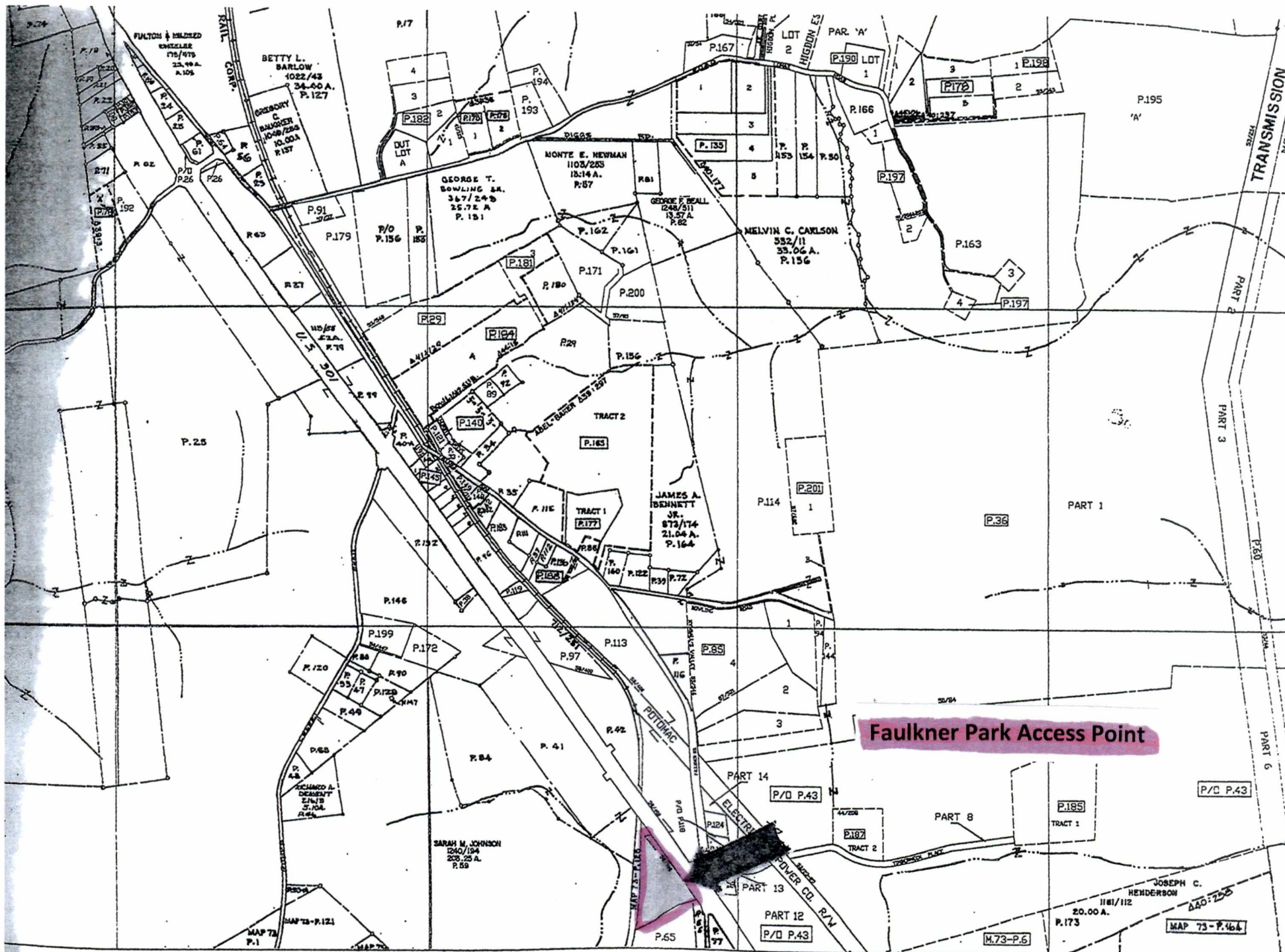
(Requesting 100% POS funding)

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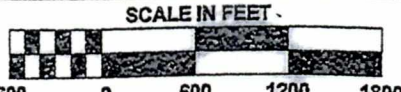
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WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE REGIONAL MAP





Faulkner Park Access Point

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PROPERTY MAPS SECTION

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PROPERTY LINE
SUBDIVISION BOUNDARY
TOWN BOUNDARY
PRIVATE ROAD
STREET LINE

CONTINUING OWNERSHIP
FACILE, NEIGHBORHOOD - PAPP (APPROVED TO IDENTIFY OWNERSHIP, MUST BE PRECEDED BY A MAP NUMBER)

SCALE 1"=600' (RF 1:7200)

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ACQUISITION – FY 16

**Charles County Government
Department of Public Works**

Project: Popes Creek Acquisition – Phase II

Charles County has acquired a three-mile abandoned railroad corridor for the purpose of developing a rails-to-trails hiking and cycling facility. The trail will be known as the Popes Creek Rail Trail.

Charles County has now been presented with an opportunity to acquire additional adjacent land that would border over 60% of our existing park property. The two parcels consist of 668 acres of undeveloped land that would enhance the trail while serving as a natural buffer. More importantly, this acquisition allows for the protection of 143 acres of coastal wetland, safeguards significant Natural Heritage Areas, preserves notable cultural resources and presents additional opportunities for expanded outdoor recreation.

Total Acreage: 668 Acres

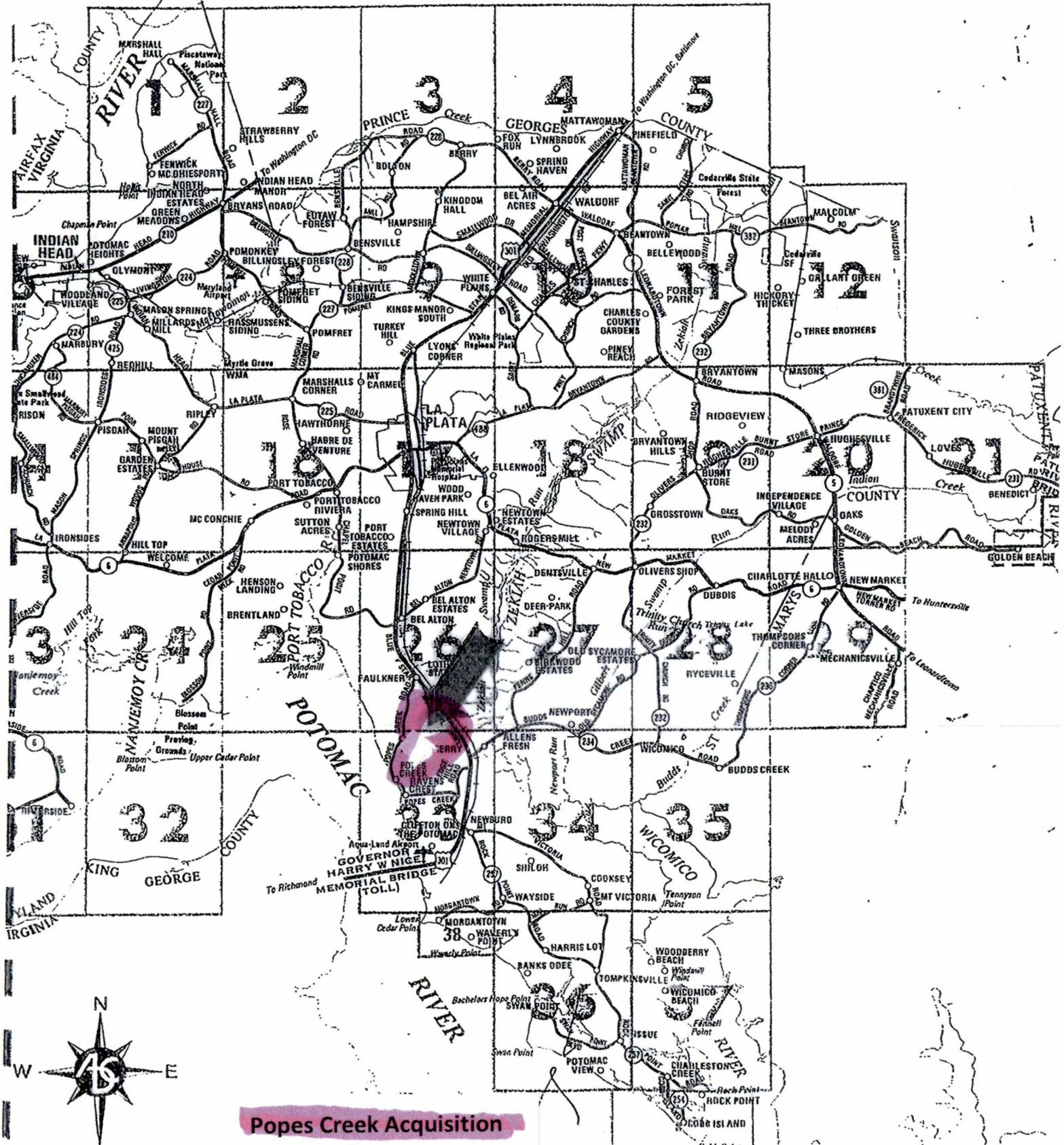
Total Project Cost: \$5,500,000.00

- Local POS Share: \$ 500,000.00
- Federal Share: \$3,000,000.00
- TBD: \$2,000,000.00

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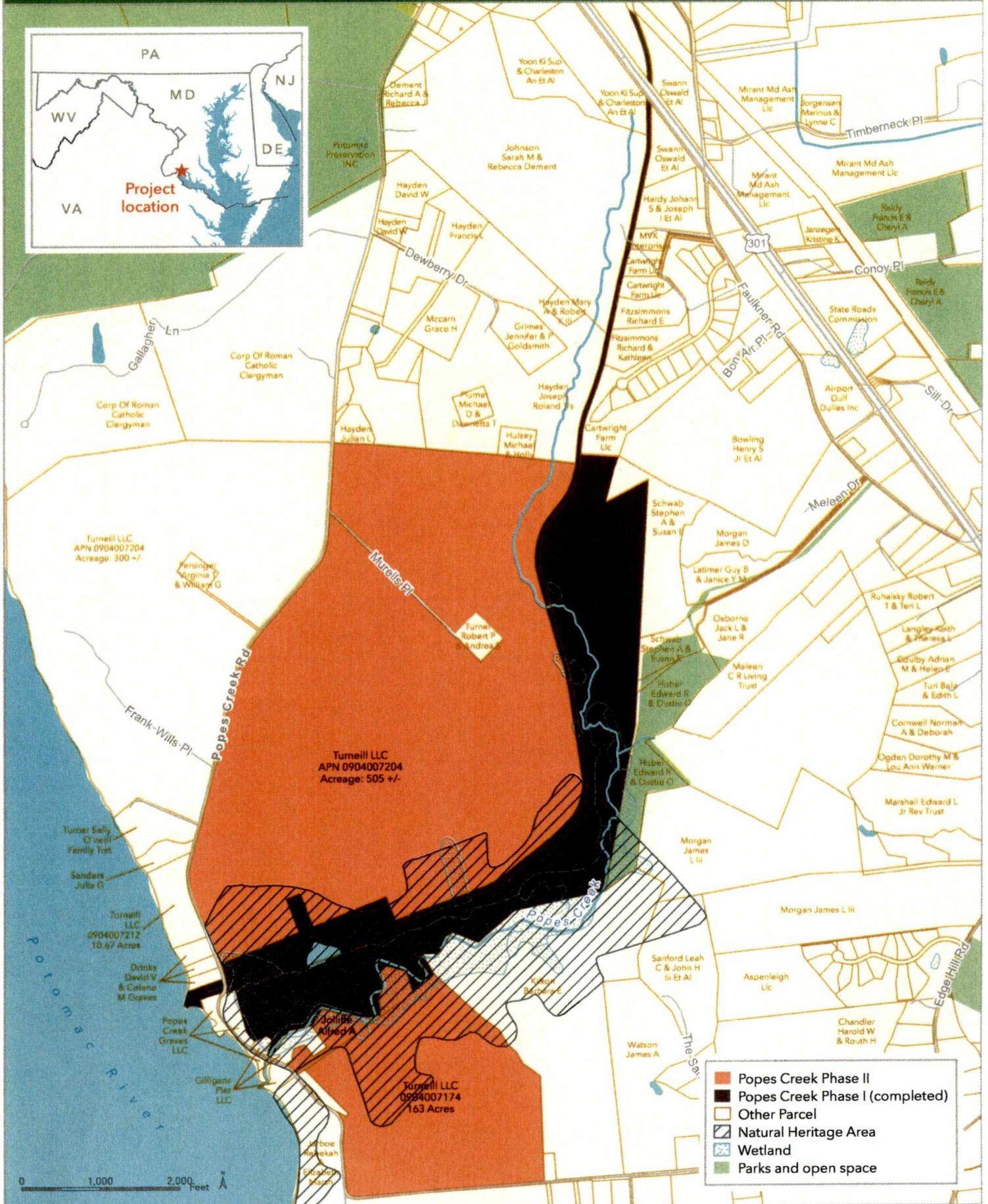
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Popes Creek Acquisition

Popes Creek Rail Trail – Acquisition

POPES CREEK PHASE II CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND



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DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT
FISCAL YEAR 16

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DEVELOPMENT – FY 16

Charles County Government Department of Public Works

Project: Popes Creek Rail Trail – Phase II

Charles County recently acquired 220 acres of parkland in Faulkner, Maryland, that included the abandoned Popes Creek Railroad corridor. The County is currently in the initial construction phase of what will eventually be a 2.7 mile cycling/hiking trail.

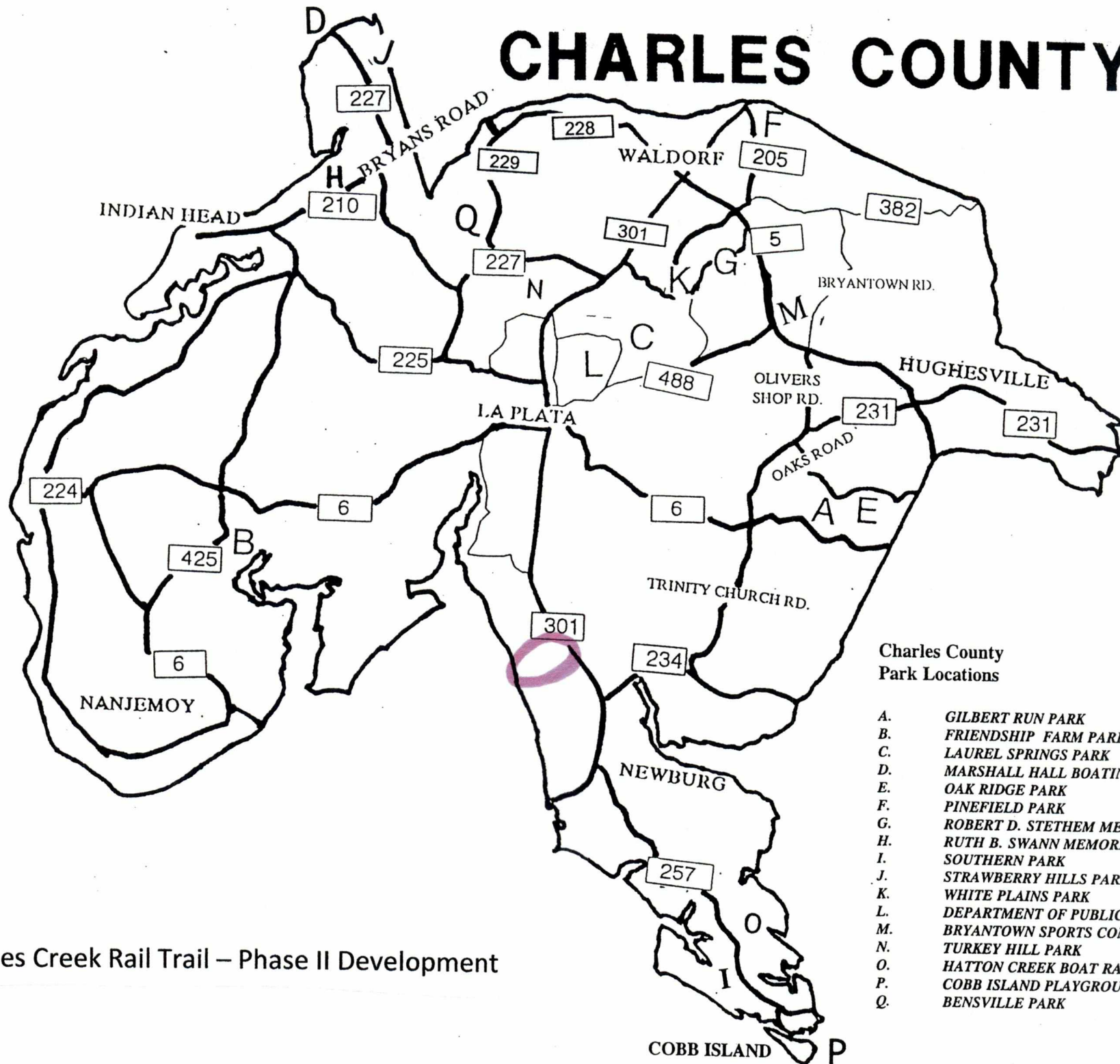
This trail is being built on the original bed of the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad. The trail will extend from Route 301 westward to the shoreline of the Potomac River. A combination of crushed stone and boardwalk, the trail will provide opportunities for hiking, cycling, birding and wildlife observation. Additionally, the Popes Creek Rail Trail will serve as a critical component of our regional tourism and economic development effort.

Since planning/permitting/construction was anticipated to result in a multi-year effort, this project was broken-out into two consecutive year phases. This request (Phase II) will be needed to complete the trail. Final installation of the trail surface as well as associated trail amenities are included in this final phase.

Total Project Cost: \$440,000.00

- POS Share: \$200,000.00
- Local Share: \$240,000.00

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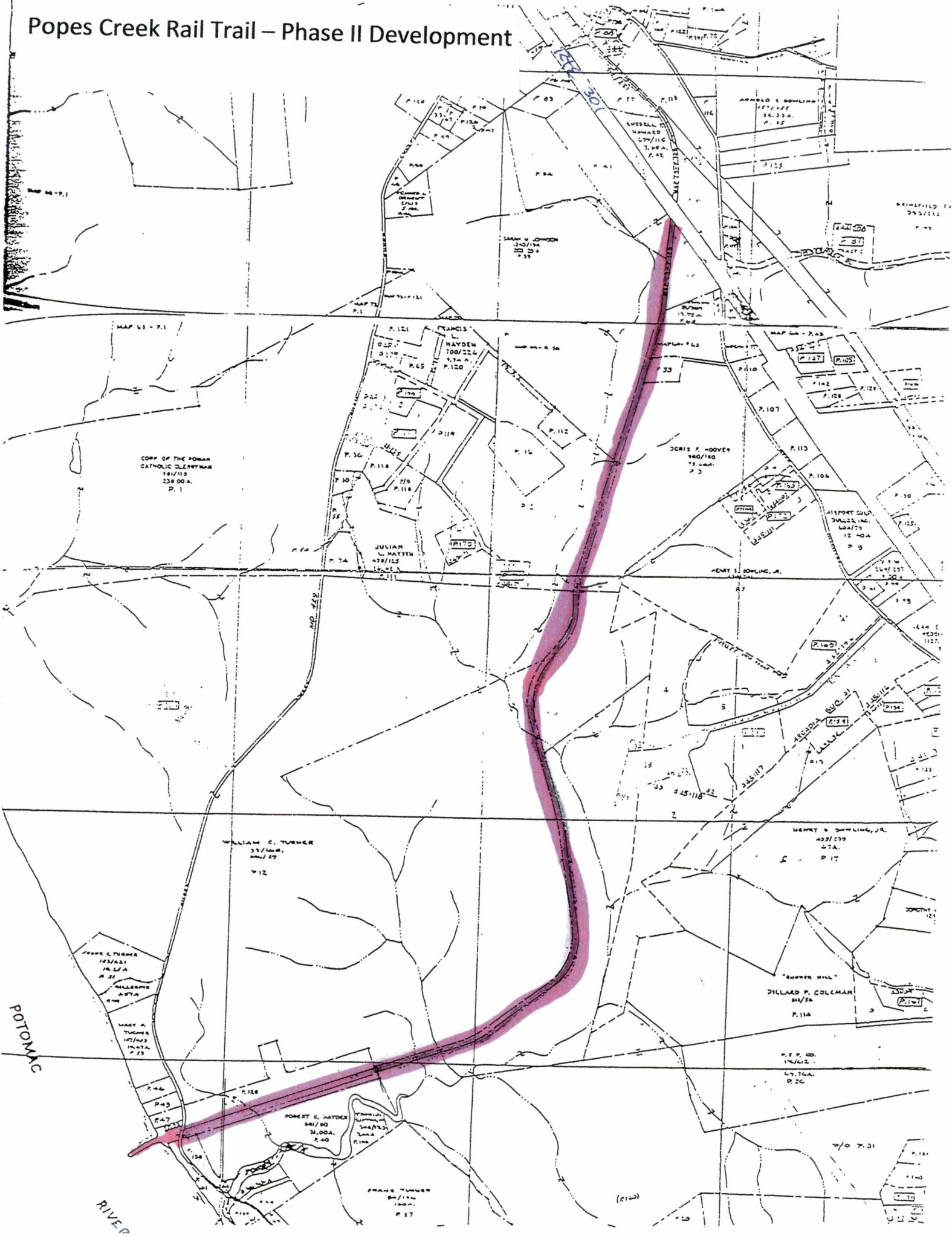
Charles County Park Locations

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- B. FRIENDSHIP FARM PARK/BOAT RAMP
- C. LAUREL SPRINGS PARK
- D. MARSHALL HALL BOATING FACILITY
- E. OAK RIDGE PARK
- F. PINEFIELD PARK
- G. ROBERT D. STETHEM MEMORIAL PARK
- H. RUTH B. SWANN MEMORIAL PARK
- I. SOUTHERN PARK
- J. STRAWBERRY HILLS PARK
- K. WHITE PLAINS PARK
- L. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES
- M. BRYANTOWN SPORTS COMPLEX
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- P. COBB ISLAND PLAYGROUND
- Q. BENSVILLE PARK

Popes Creek Rail Trail – Phase II Development

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Popes Creek Rail Trail – Phase II Development



DEVELOPMENT – FY 16

**Charles County Government
Department of Public Works**

Project: Pinefield Park Improvements

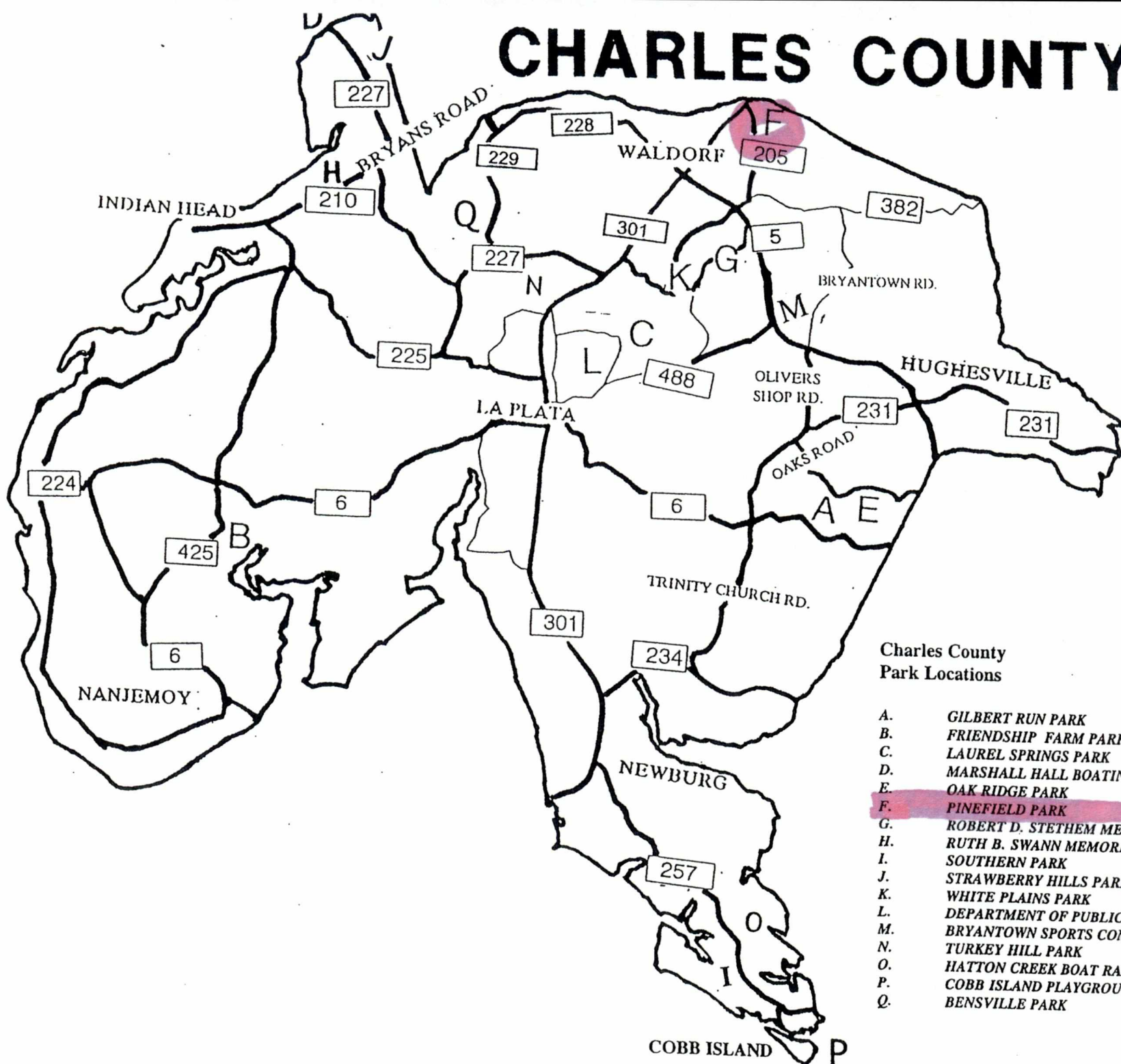
Funding request for upgrades and improvements at Pinefield Community Park, a 20 acre park located in Waldorf, Maryland. This is a 45 year old park that requires rehabilitation and enhancements in order to bring the facility up to County Park standards. Improvements to include: relocation of basketball courts, rehabilitation of two baseball fields and one soccer field, installation of a group picnic pavilion, general turf renovations and other various site enhancements.

Project will encourage increased park patronage, address safety and aesthetic concerns and meet community demands for improved recreational facilities.

Total Project Cost: \$100,000.00

(Requesting \$75,000 POS funding to match \$25,000 Local Share)

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